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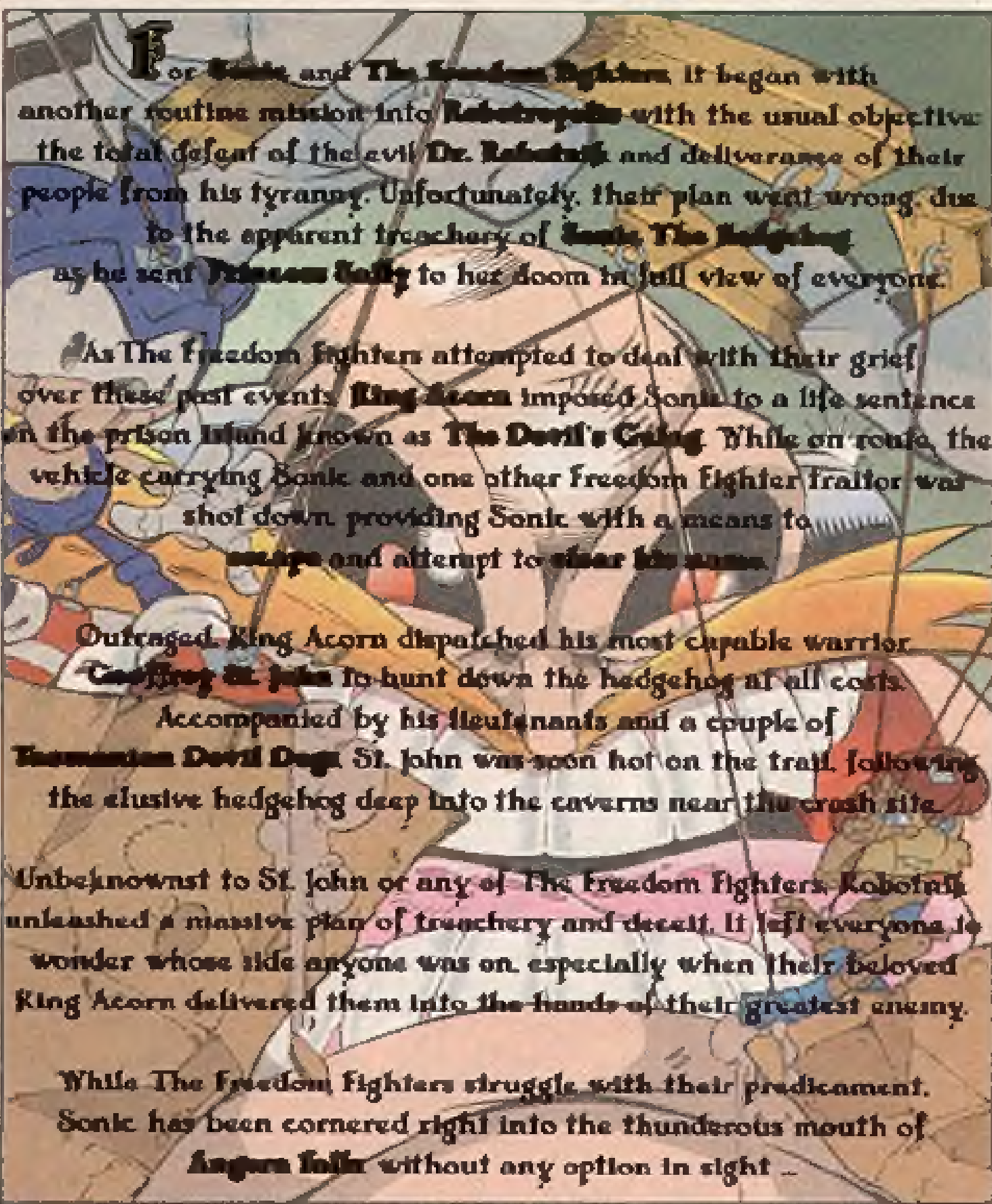
SONIC

TEHOG



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For **Sonic** and **The Freedom Fighters** it began with another routine mission into **Robotropolis** with the usual objective: the total defeat of the evil **Dr. Robotnik** and deliverance of their people from his tyranny. Unfortunately, their plan went wrong due to the apparent treachery of **Sonic The Hedgehog** as he sent **Dr. Robotnik** to her doom in full view of everyone.

As **The Freedom Fighters** attempted to deal with their grief over these past events **King Acorn** imposed Sonic to a life sentence on the prison island known as **The Devil's Gulch**. While on route, the vehicle carrying Sonic and one other Freedom Fighter traitor was shot down providing Sonic with a means to escape and attempt to clear his name.

Outraged, **King Acorn** dispatched his most capable warrior **Coffin St. John** to hunt down the hedgehog at all costs.

Accompanied by his lieutenants and a couple of **Thousand Devil Dogs** St. John was soon hot on the trail following the elusive hedgehog deep into the caverns near the crash site.

Unbeknownst to St. John or any of **The Freedom Fighters**, **Robotnik** unleashed a massive plan of treachery and deceit. It left everyone to wonder whose side anyone was on, especially when their beloved **King Acorn** delivered them into the hands of their greatest enemy.


While **The Freedom Fighters** struggle with their predicament, Sonic has been cornered right into the thunderous mouth of **Angry Ball** without any option in sight -

YOU DIRTY
TRAITOR! YOU DESERVE
THIS AFTER WHAT YOU
DID TO MY BELOVED
SALLY!






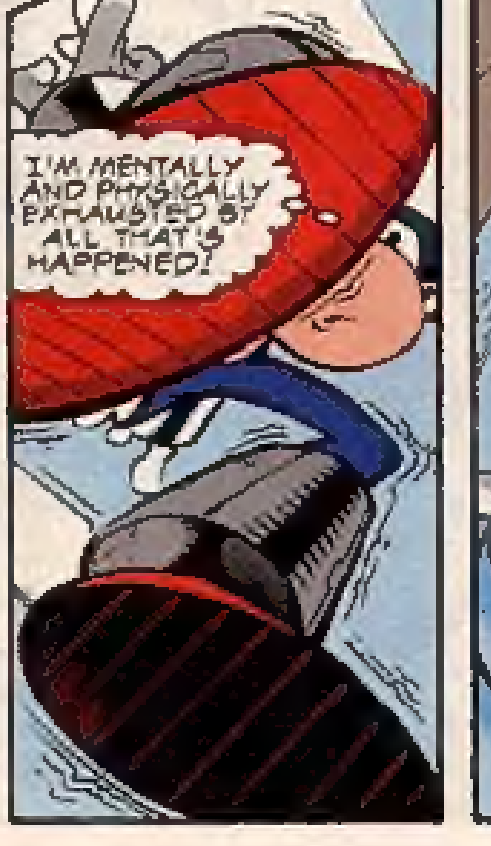
THERE'S NO WAY
I'LL SURVIVE THIS FALL
UNLESS I START HOVERING...
GOTTA TRY MY PATENTED
FIGURE EIGHT!



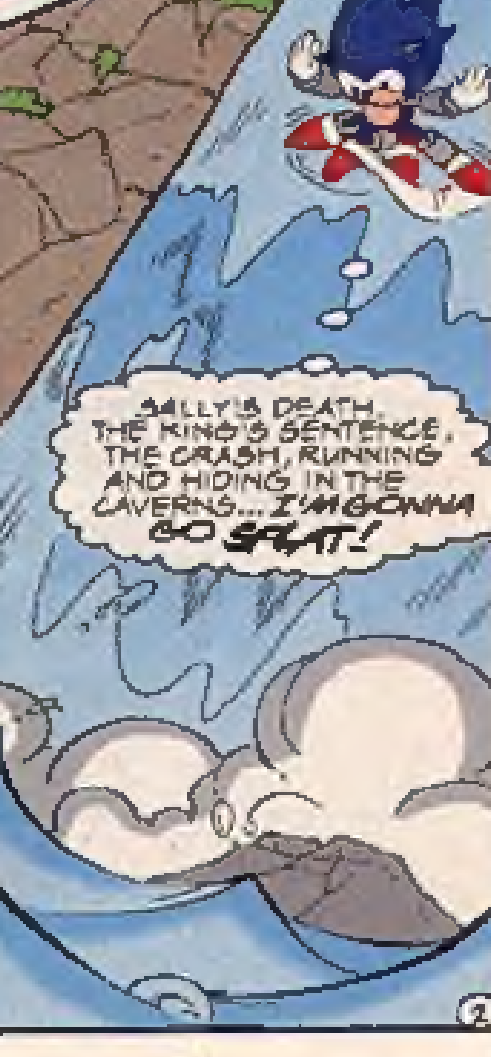
FIRST SEEN IN THE
CLASSIC 3TH 23
- GESS' FERRY



OUCH!
MY LEGS ARE
GRABBYING
UP!

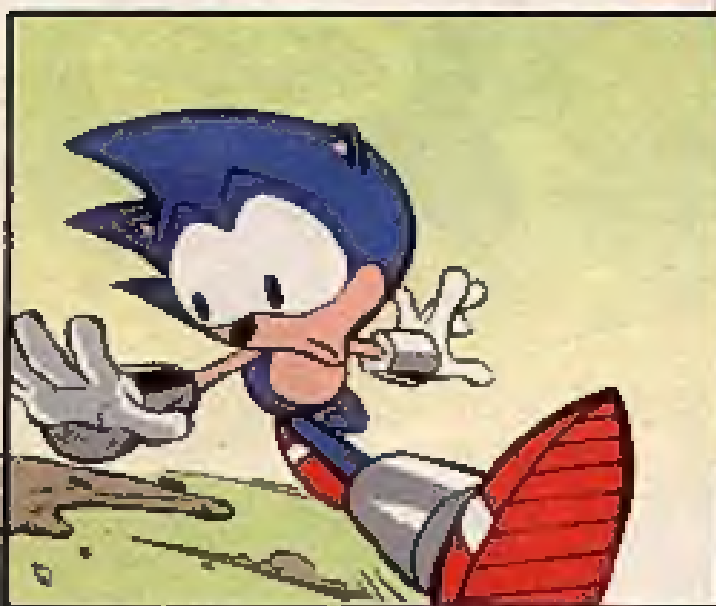


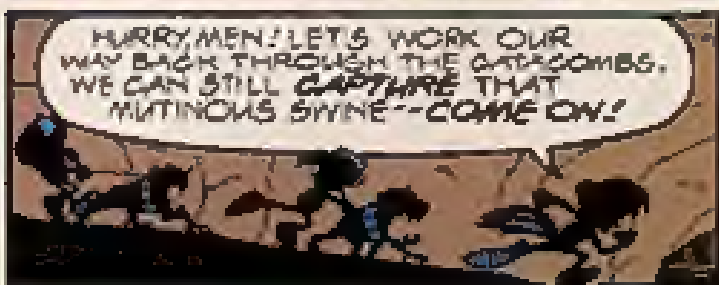
I'M MENTALLY
AND PHYSICALLY
EXHAUSTED BY
ALL THAT'S
HAPPENED!



SALLY'S DEATH,
THE KING'S SENTENCE,
THE CRASH, RUNNING
AND HIDING IN THE
CAVERNS... I'M GONNA
GO SPAT!







—KNOTHOLE!

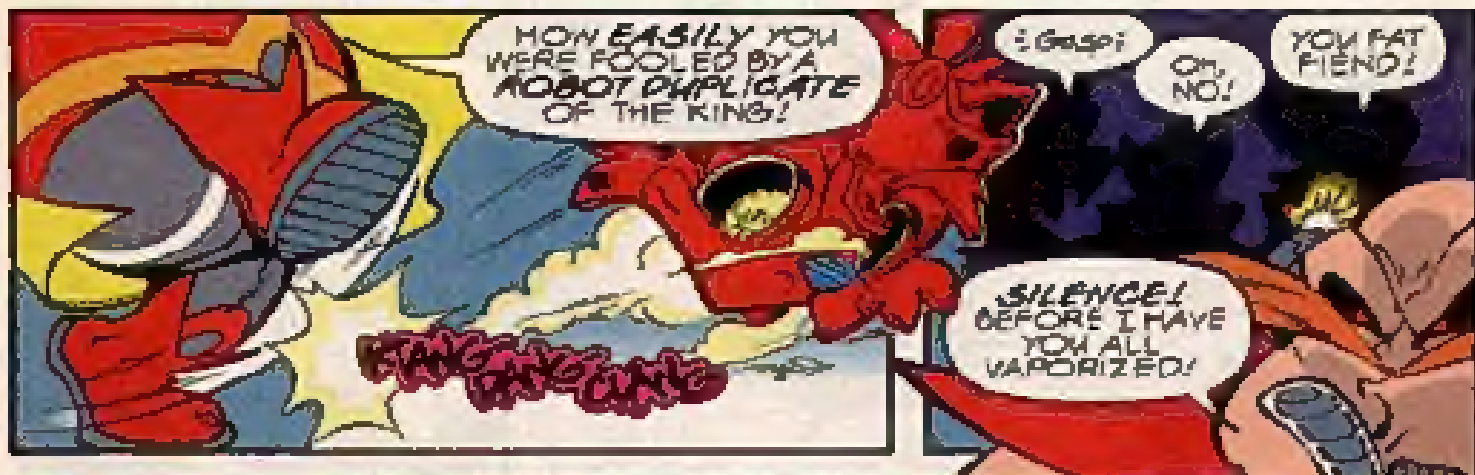
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

HAS INDEED BETRAYED
YOU!

BUT DESPITE
WHAT YOU'RE ALL
THINKING, KING
ACORN HAS
NOT!

FOR THIS IS
ANYTHING BUT
YOUR BELOVED
SOVEREIGN...

WHARBOOM



HOW EASILY YOU WERE FOOLED BY A ROBOT DUPLICATE OF THE KING!

! GASP!

OH, NO!

YOU FAT FIEND!

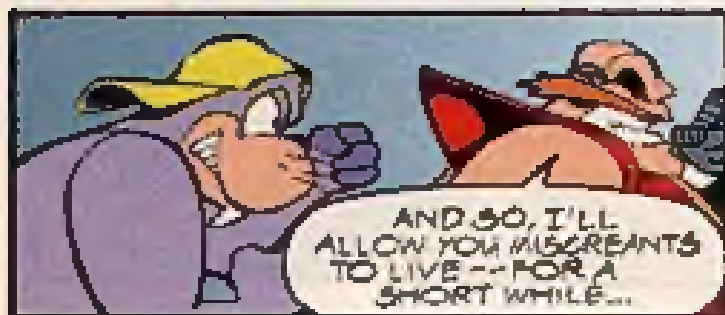
SILENCE! BEFORE I HAVE YOU ALL VAPORIZED!

FANG FANG FANG



AP, BUT THAT WOULD BE TOO EASY!

I'D MUCH RATHER SEE YOU PERISH ALONG WITH ALL THE REST OF THE REPULSIVE, NON-ROBOTIC RESIDENTS OF THIS PLANET!



AND SO, I'LL ALLOW YOU MISCREANTS TO LIVE--FOR A SHORT WHILE...



...UNTIL MY LATEST AND MOST POWERFUL WEAPON OF DESTRUCTION IS FULLY FUNCTIONAL!



THEN EVERY LIVING THING ON MOBIUS WILL BE ANNIHILATED INCLUDING YOUR PRECIOUS MONARCH, WHO'S BEING ATTENDED TO AS I SPEAK...

MEANWHILE IN
ROBOTROPOLIS...

I'VE DONE
EVERYTHING YOUR
EVIL MASTER
DEMANDED...

ALMOST
EVERYTHING...

NOT QUITE,
DR. QUACK. GIVE ME THE
DOCUMENTATION!

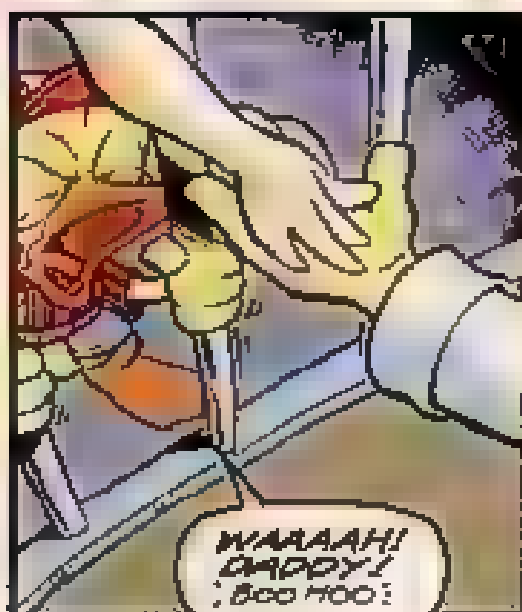
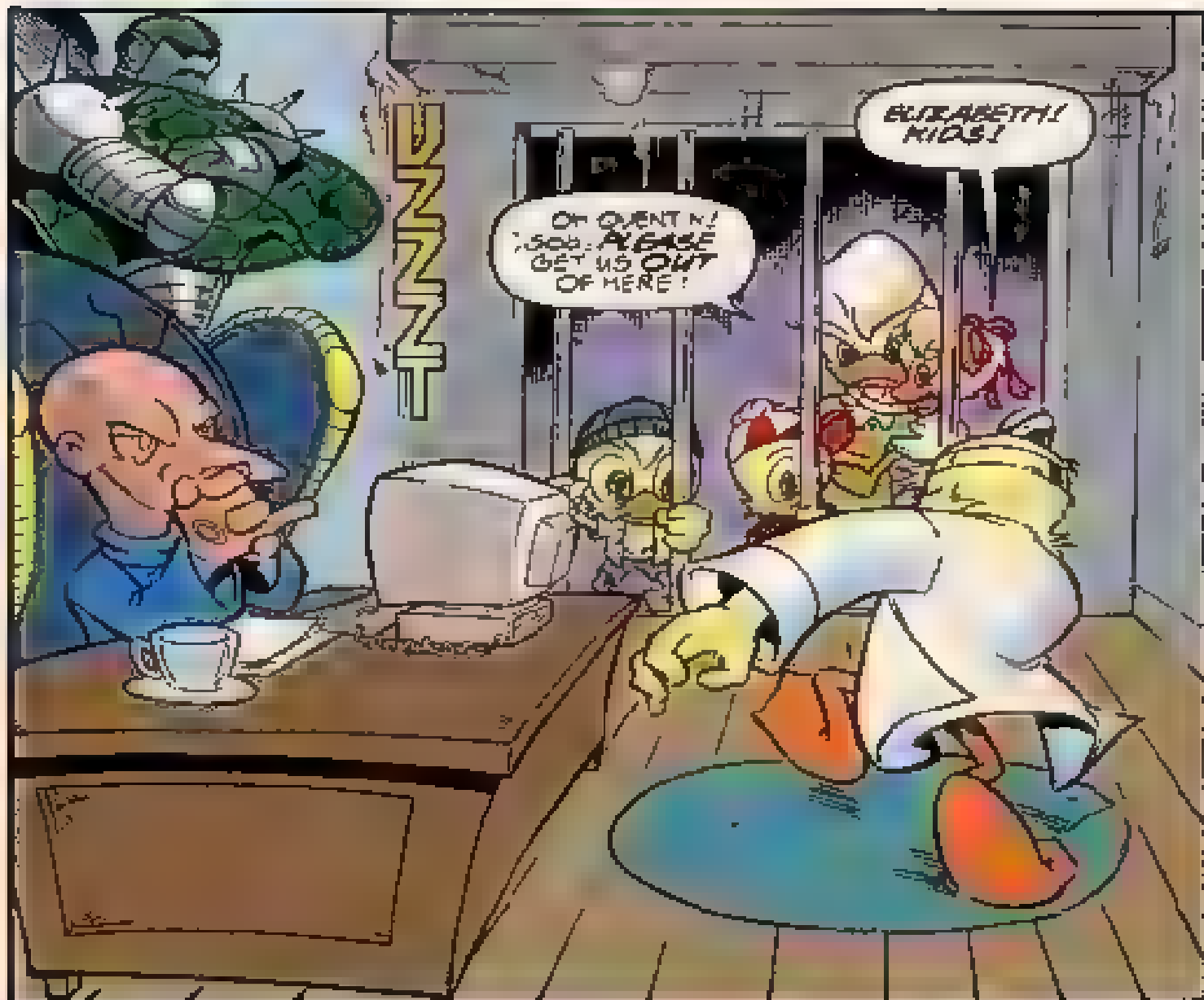
I'VE KEPT
MY END OF THE
BARGAIN! NOW
YOU DO THE
SAME!

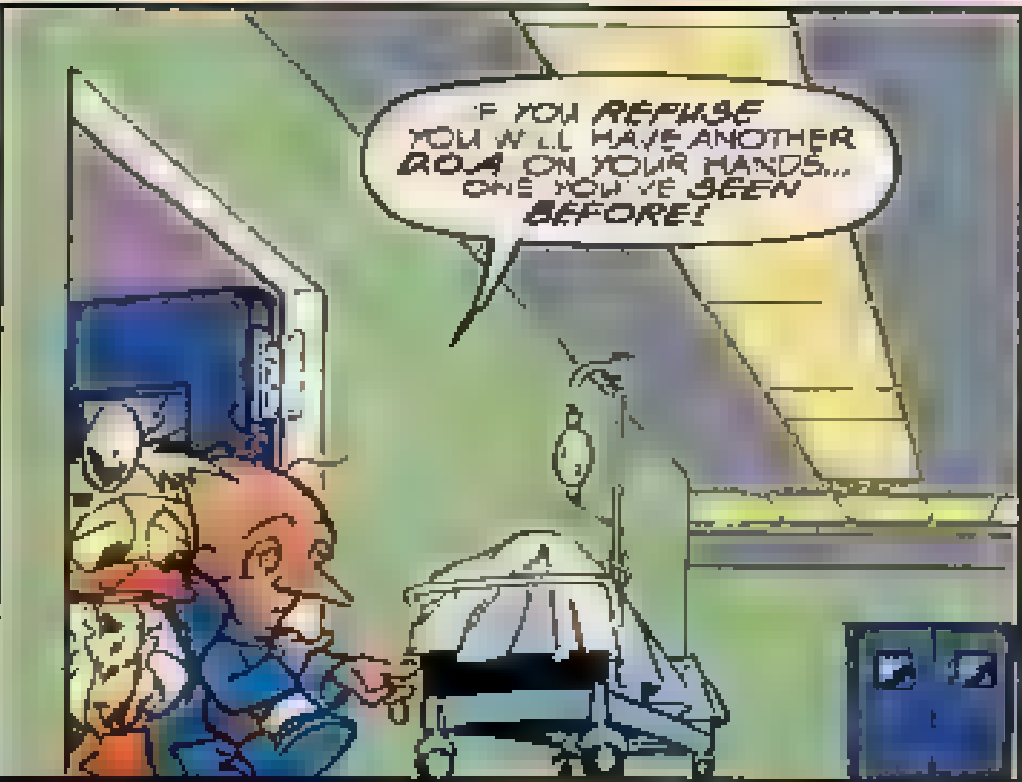
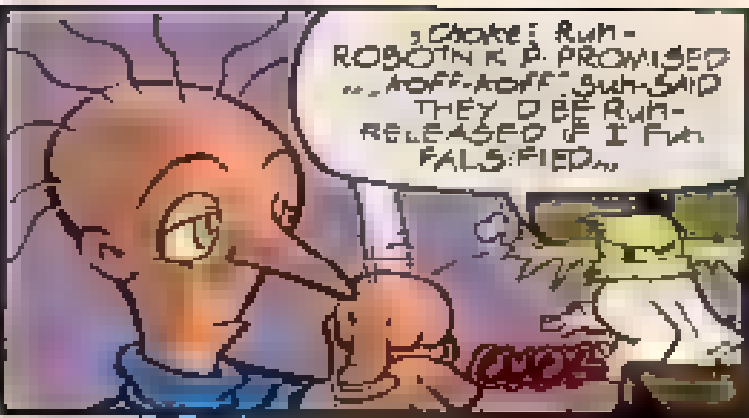
MUCH
BETTER!

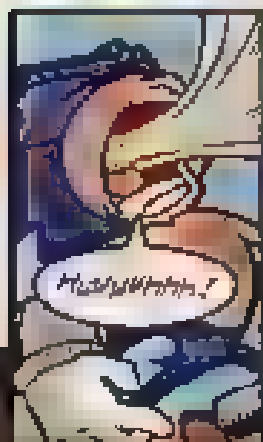
TUT, TUT,
DO!!!

YOUR BEDSIDE
MANNERS NEED
IMPROVEMENT!

PERHAPS
THIS WILL TEACH
YOU SOME
RESPECT!

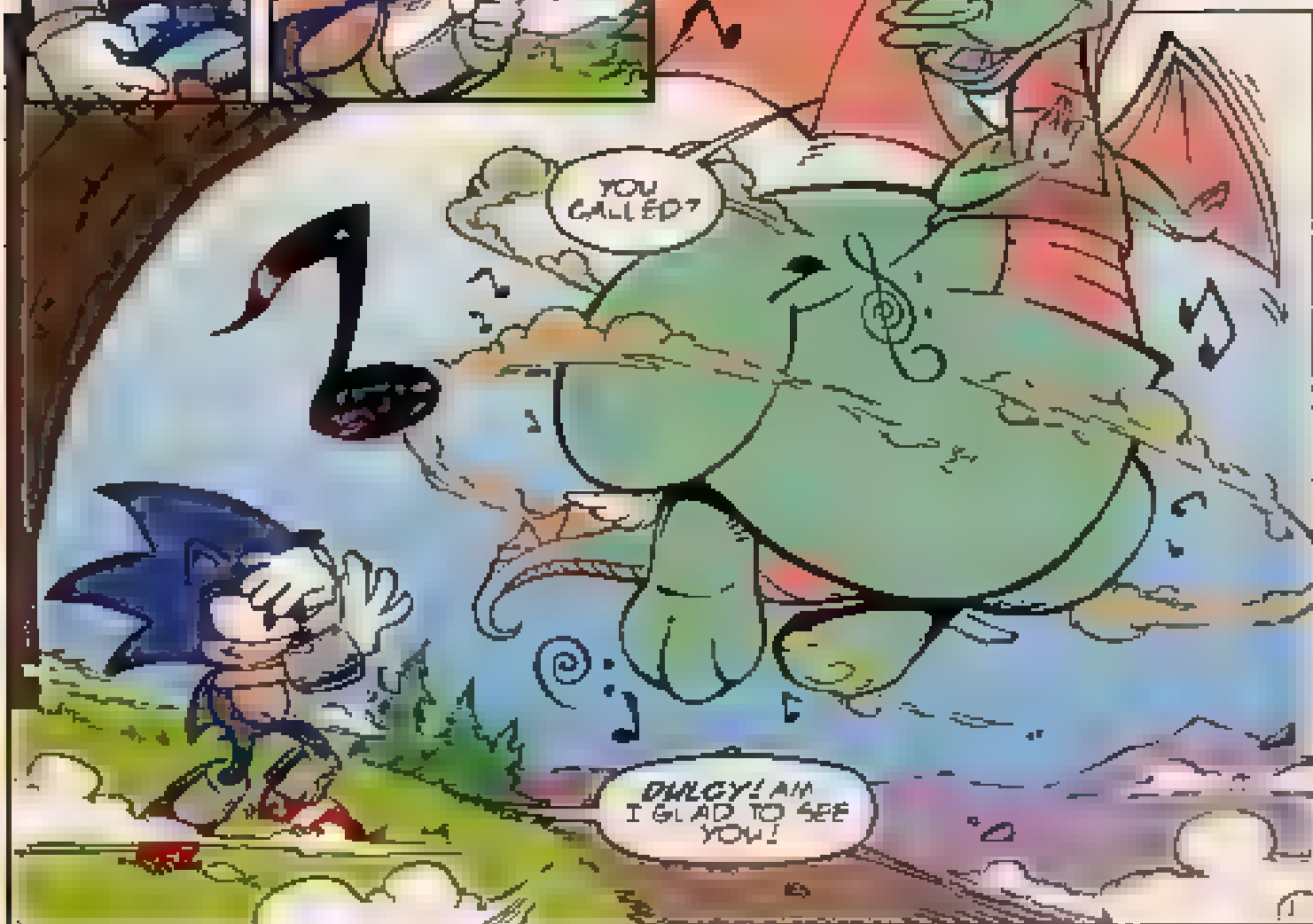


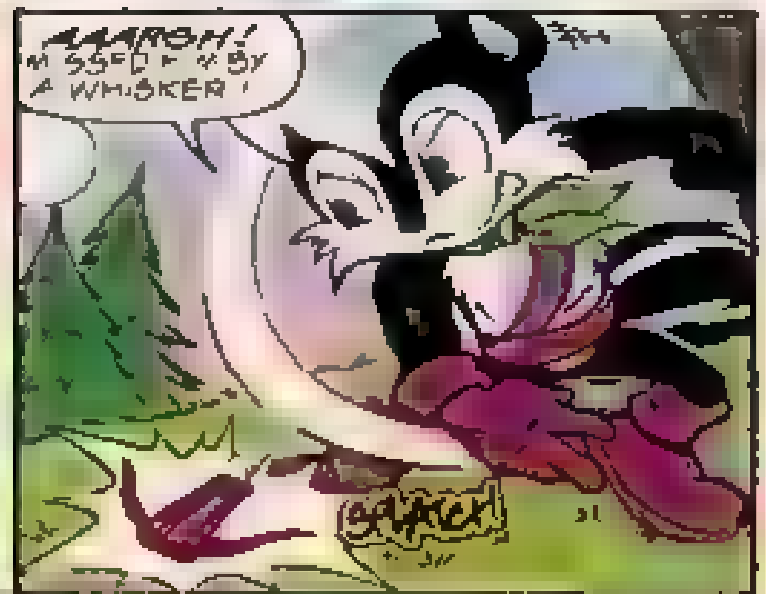
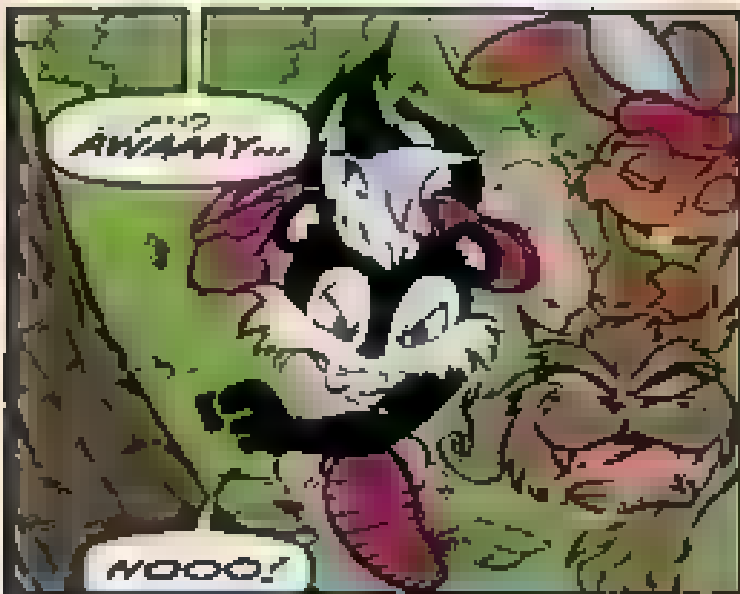
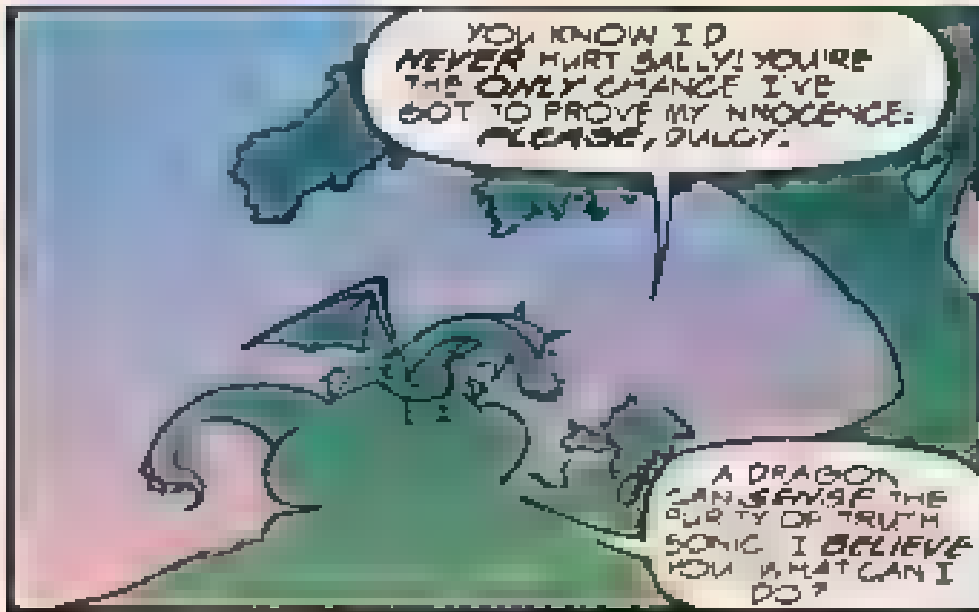


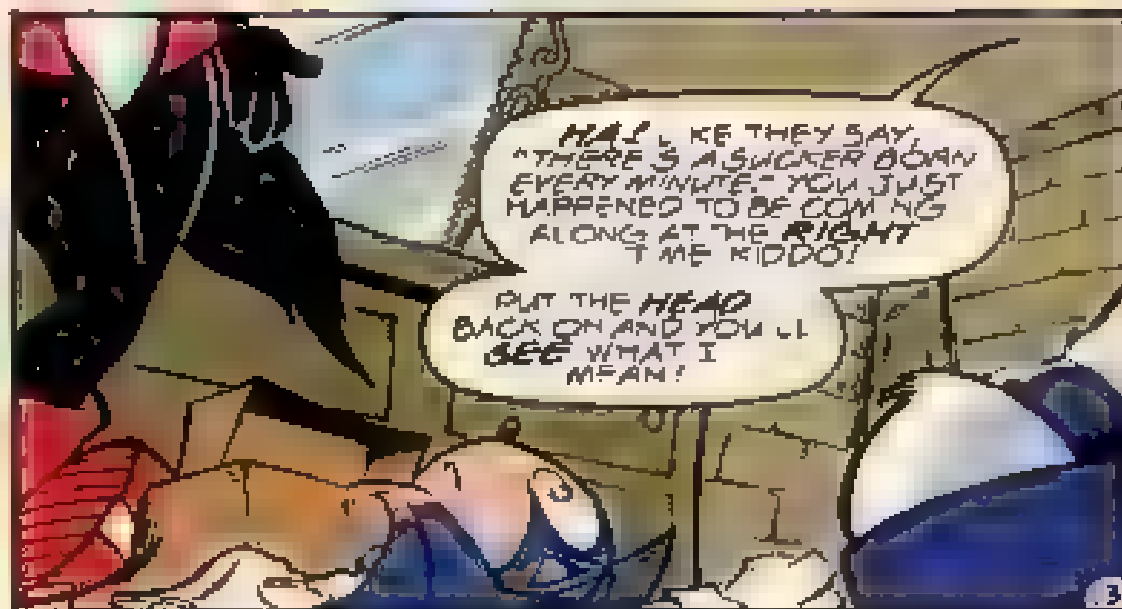
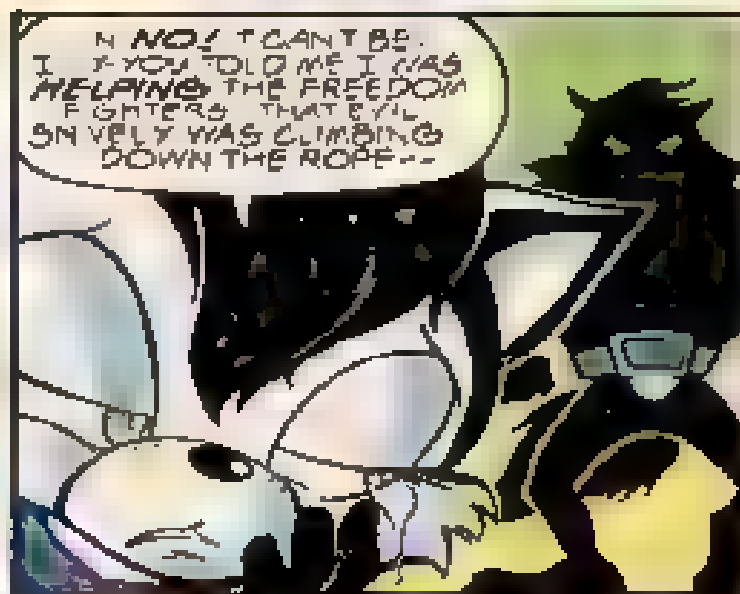
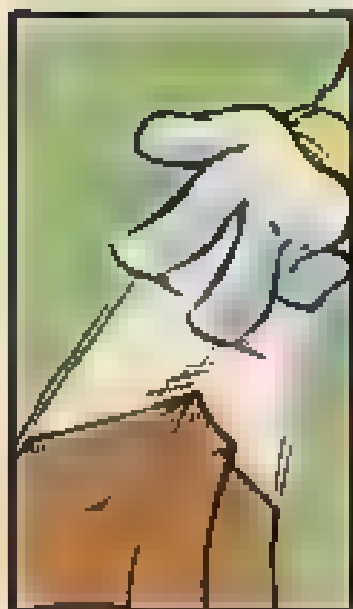
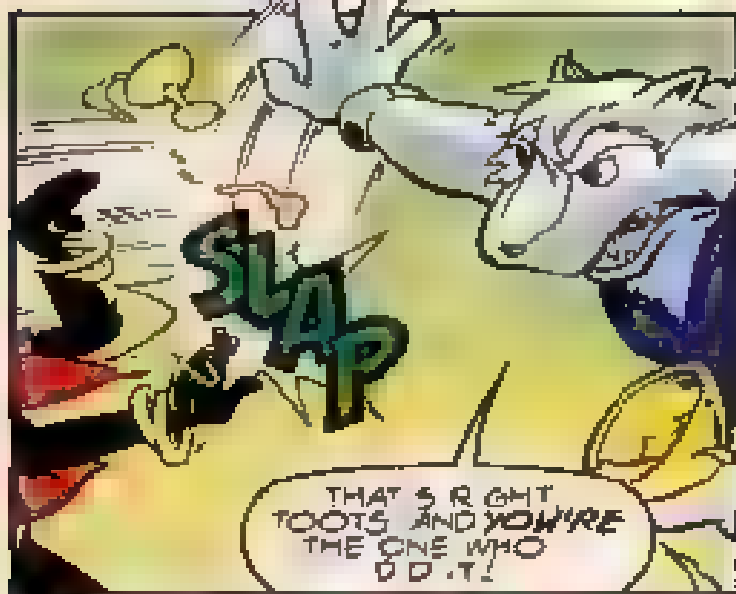
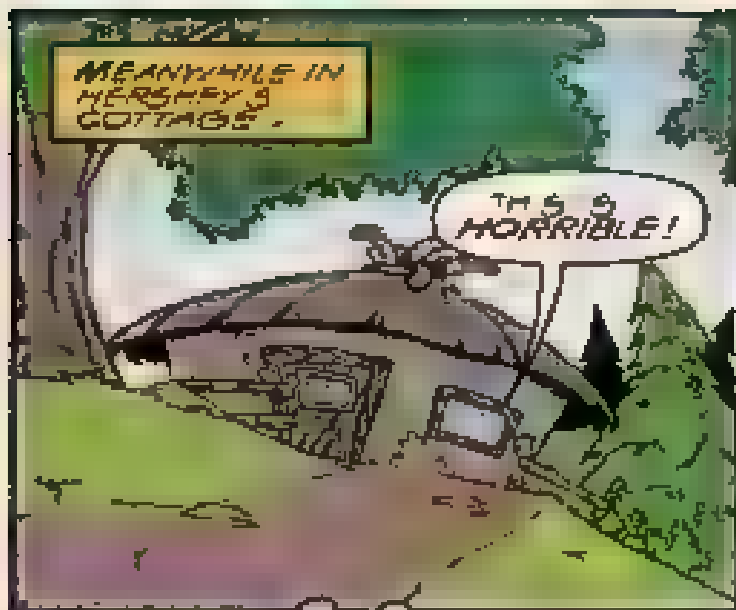


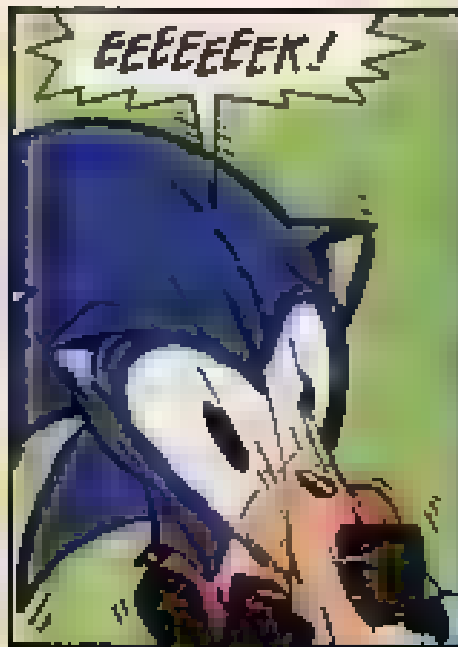
VIBRATING HIS VOCAL
CHORDS AT A SPEED
UNATTAINABLE BY ANY
OTHER LIVING CREATURE,
SONIC EMITS A HIGH-
PITCHED WHISTLE--

ONE THAT CAN
ONLY BE HEARD
BY...





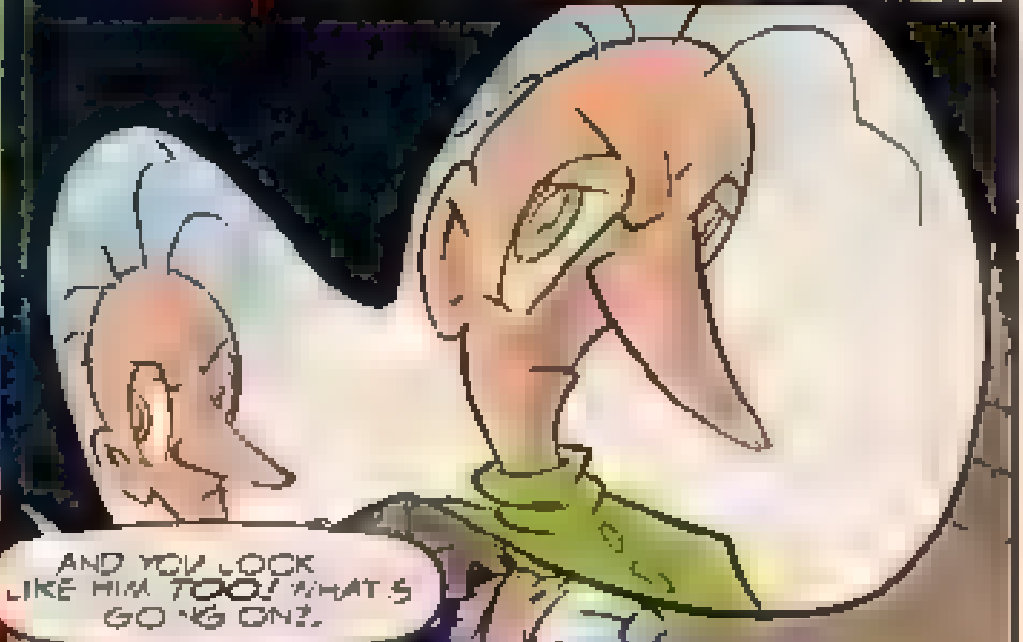




EEEEEEK!



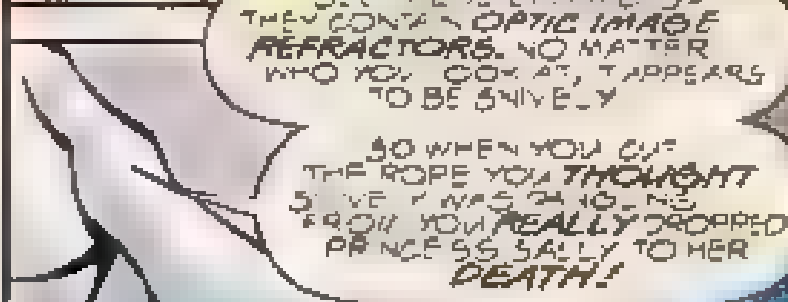
TO HIM! B-BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! I SHOULD BE ME!



AND YOU LOOK LIKE HIM TOO! WHAT'S GOING ON?



WHAT KIND OF TREACHERY IS THIS?



THE BEST KIND--
ROBOTNIK'S!

SEE THESE EYEPIECES?
THEY CONTAIN OPTIC IMAGE
REFRACTORS. NO MATTER
WHO YOU LOOK AT, IT APPEARS
TO BE SNIVELY.

SO WHEN YOU CUT
THE ROPE YOU THOUGHT
I WAS HANGING
FROM, YOU REALLY DROPPED
PRINCESS SALLY TO HER
DEATH!

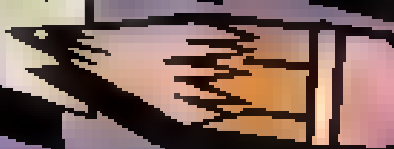


HAHAHAHA!
YOU WERE EASY
TO DUPE SUGAR
AND NOW ROBOTNIK
WILL REWARD ME
WITH A KINGDOM OF
MY OWN WHEN HE
TAKES OVER
MOBILUS!

CHORE!
NO HO HO
MOOOO...

FAN ART

SONIC



Michael Ventura

Christopher Ventura
Age 10



Michael Alexander
Cocum Creek
Age 11

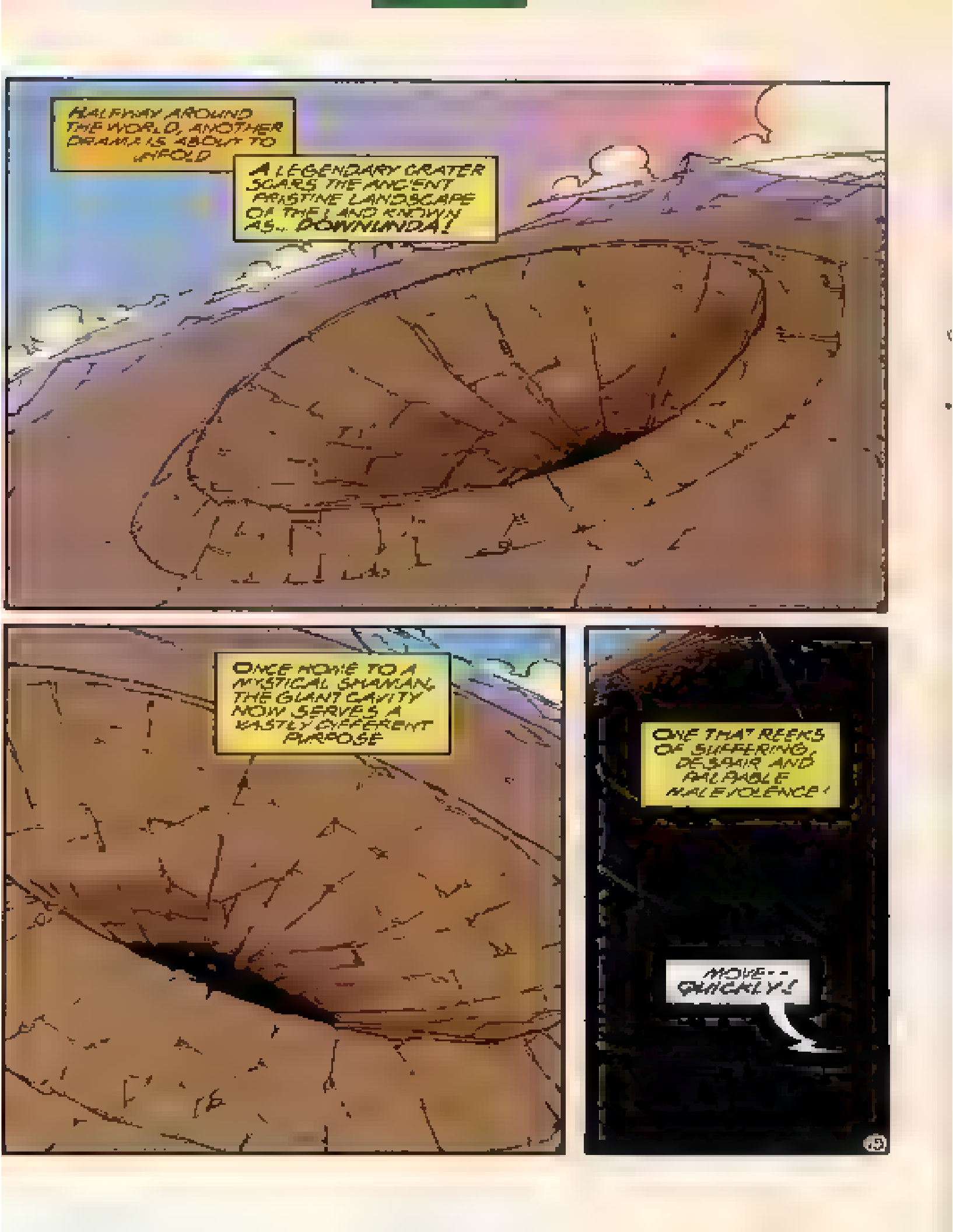


Meghan Tavis
Pickney, MA



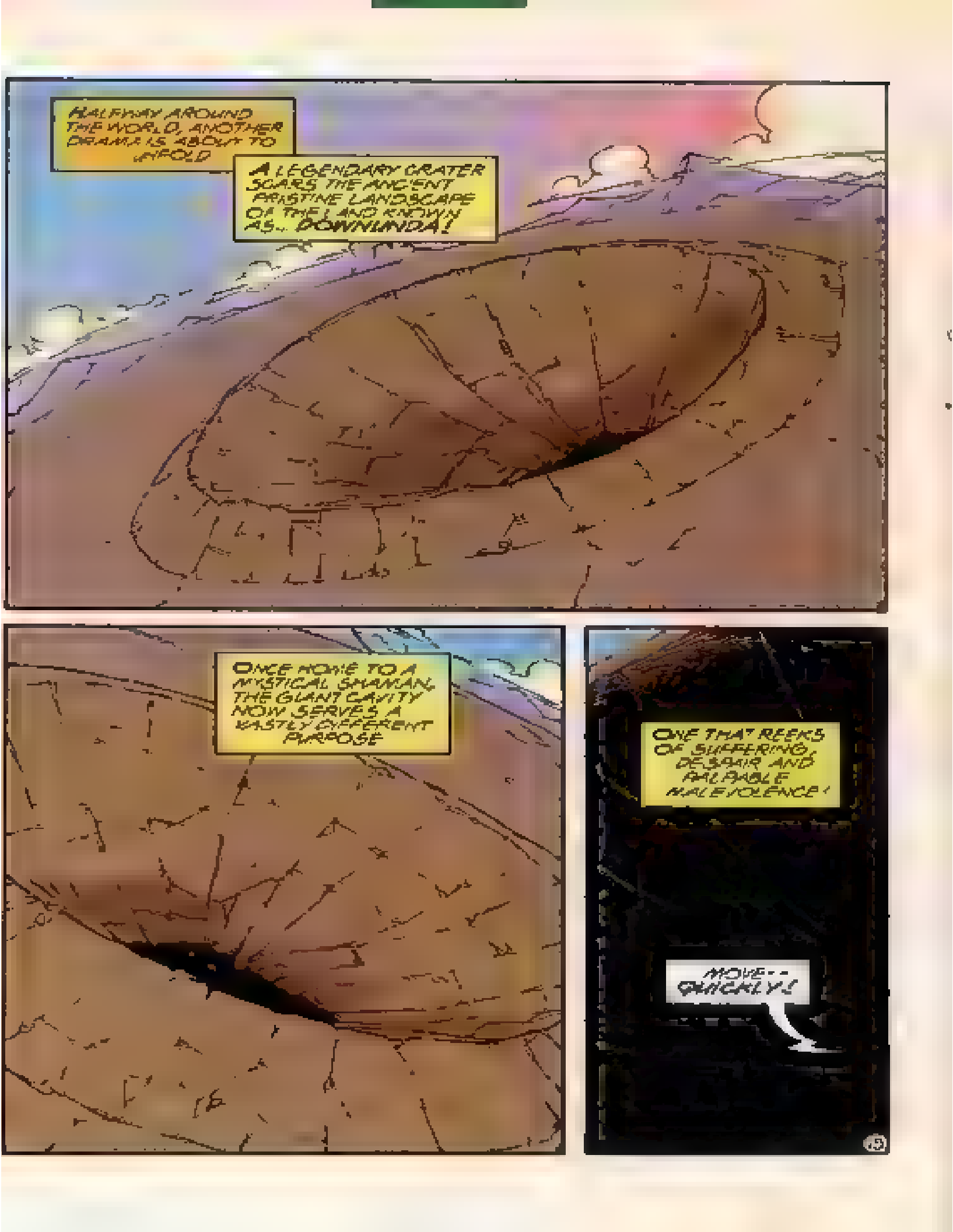
Michelle
"Sparrow"
Hess
Cincinnati, OH
Age 15

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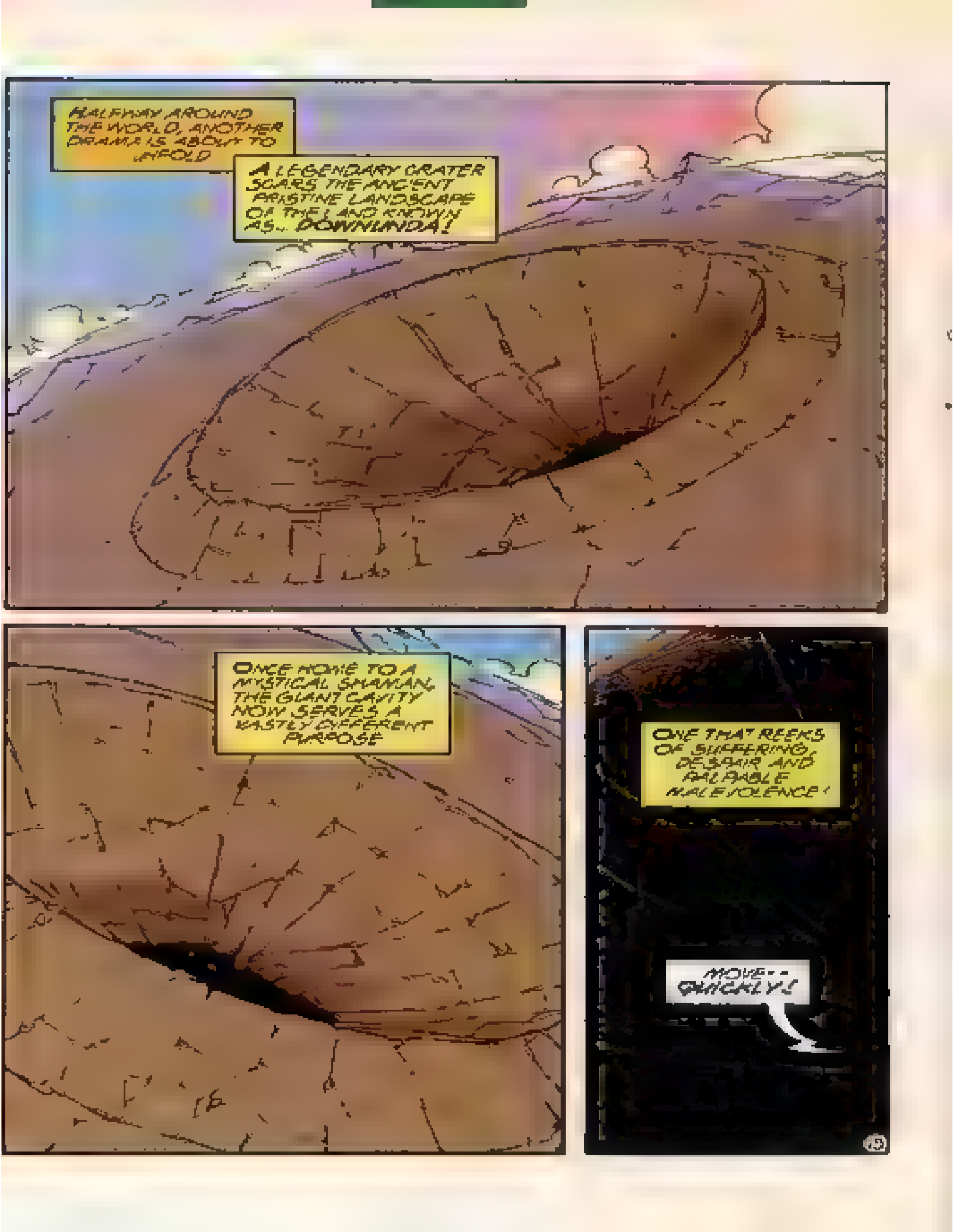


HALFWAY AROUND
THE WORLD, ANOTHER
DRAMA IS ABOUT TO
UNFOLD

A LEGENDARY CRATER
SCARS THE ANCIENT
PRISTINE LANDSCAPE
OF THE LAND KNOWN
AS... DOWNLINDA!



ONCE HOME TO A
MYSTICAL SHAMAN,
THE GIANT CAVITY
NOW SERVES A
WHOLLY DIFFERENT
PURPOSE



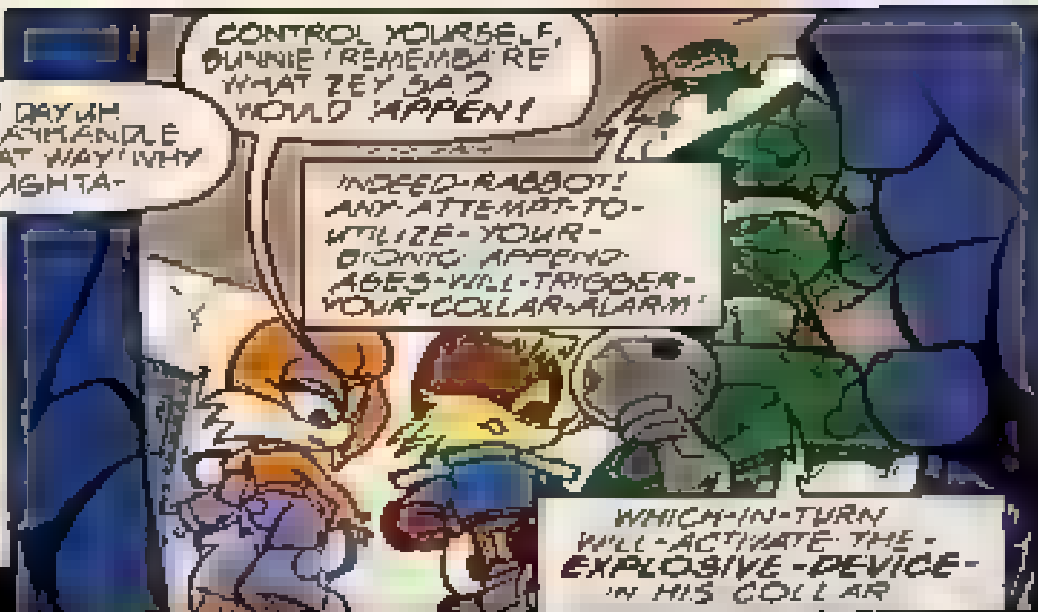
ONE THAT REEKS
OF SUFFERING,
DESPAIR AND
PALPABLE
MALEVOLENCE!

MOVE--
QUICKLY!



HURRY-
IT UP!

HOW DARE
YOU MESS WITH
ME THAT WAY! WHY
I OUGHTA-



CONTROL YOURSELF,
BUNNIE! REMEMBER
WHAT ZEY SA'D
YOU'D APPEN!

INDEED-RABBIT!
ANY-ATTEMPT-TO-
UTILIZE-YOUR-
BIONIC-APPEN-
AGES-WILL-TRIGGER-
YOUR-COLLAR-ALARM!

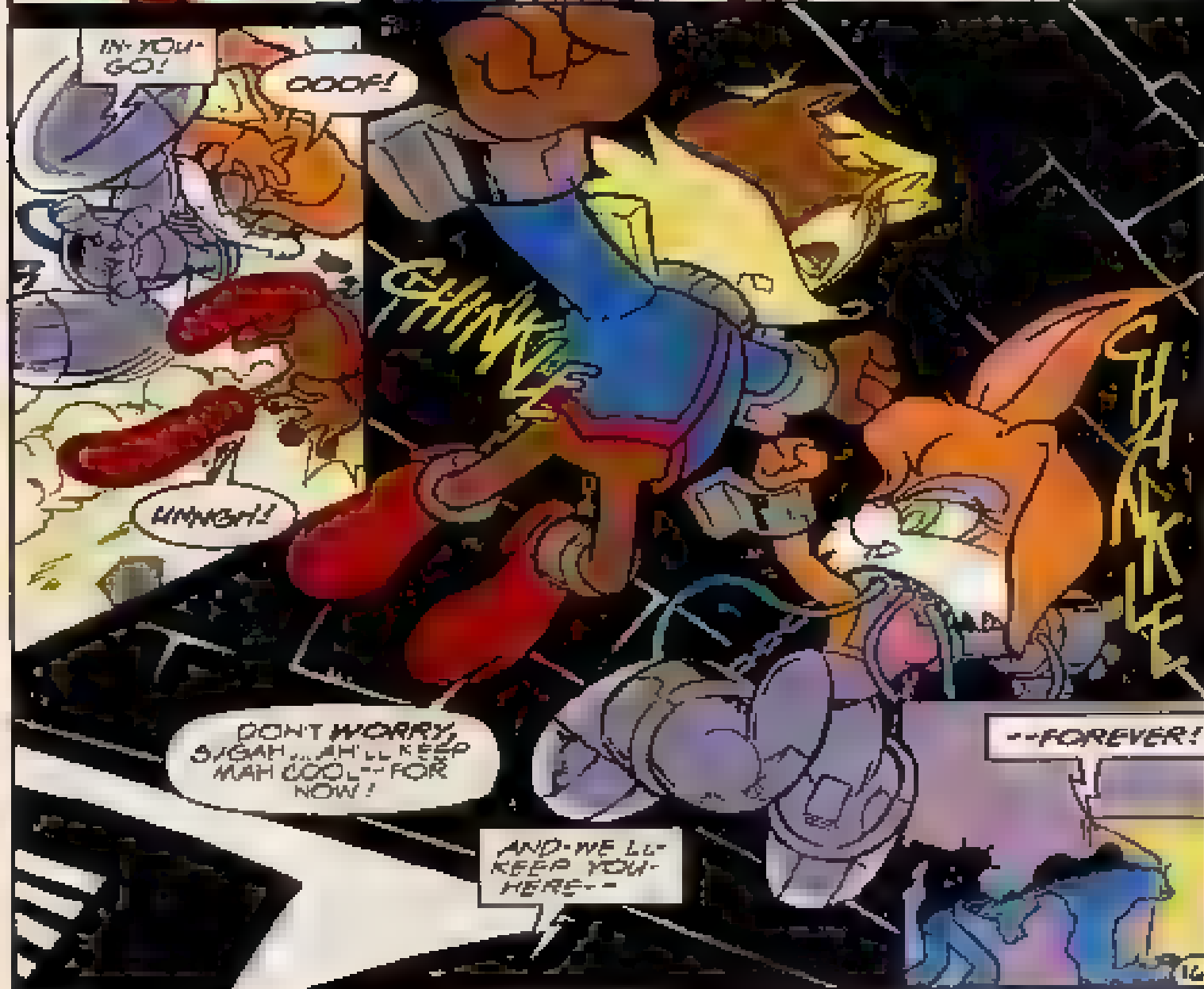
WHICH-IN-TURN
WILL-ACTIVATE-THE-
EXPLOSIVE-DEVICE-
IN HIS COLLAR



IN-YOU-
GO!

GOOF!

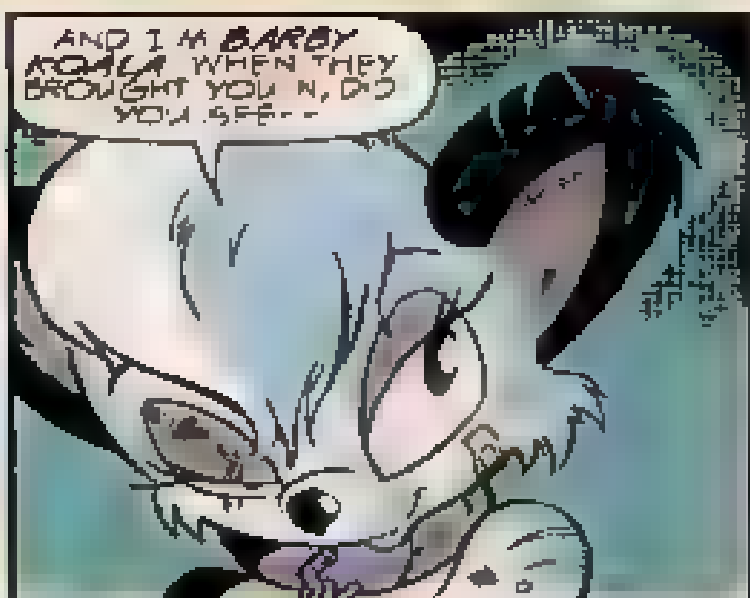
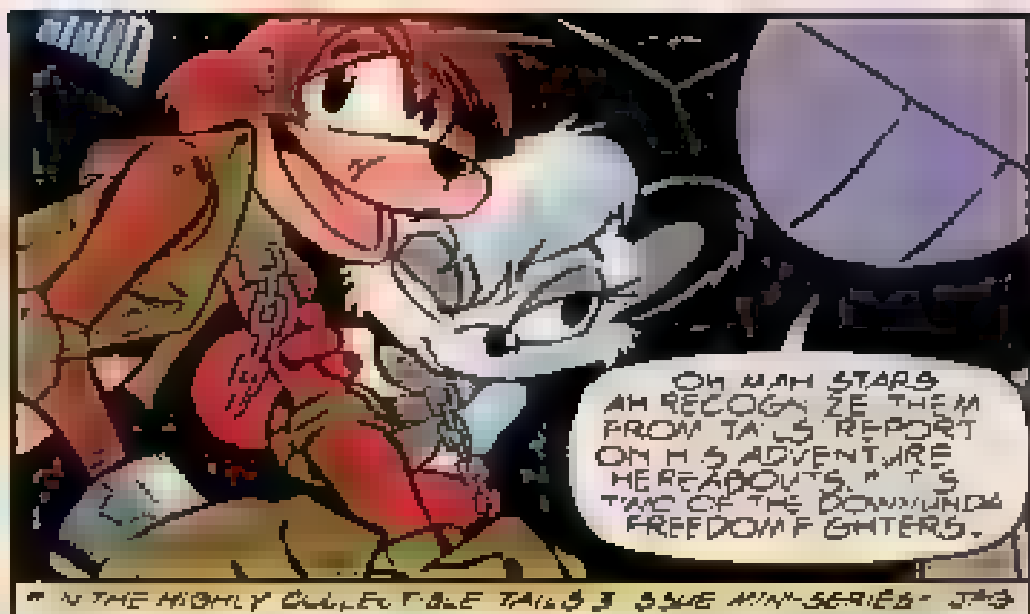
UHHHGH!

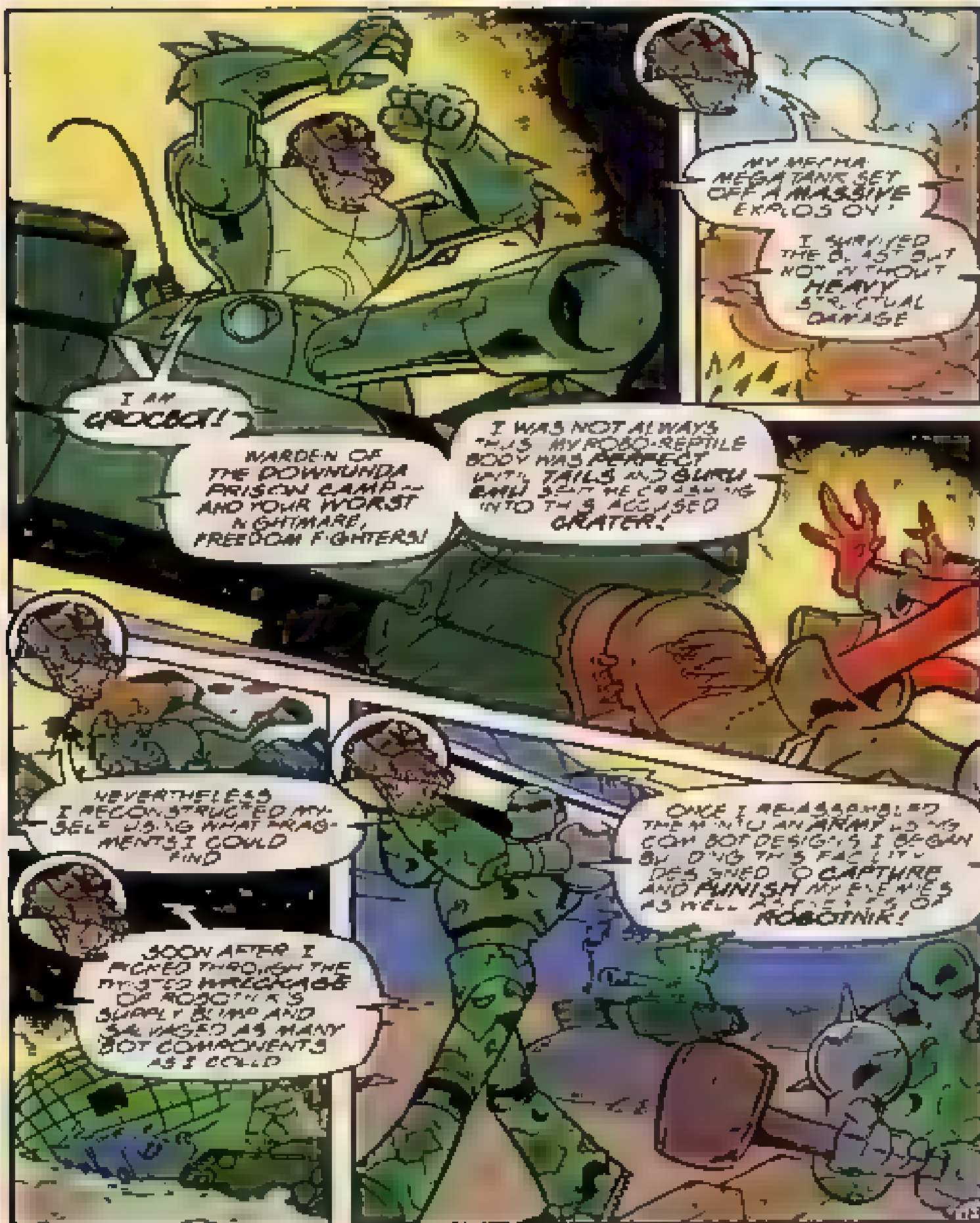


DON'T WORRY,
SUGAR...AH'LL KEEP
MAH COOL--FOR
NOW!

AND-WE'LL
KEEP YOU-
HERE--

--FOREVER!





I AM
GROCCBOT!

WARDEN OF
THE DOWNHUNDA
PRISON CAMP --
AND YOUR WORST
NIGHTMARE,
FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

I WAS NOT ALWAYS
THIS. MY ROBO-REPTILE
BODY WAS PERFECT
UNTIL TAILS AND BURU
BAM SENT ME CRASHING
INTO THIS ACCUSED
CRATER!

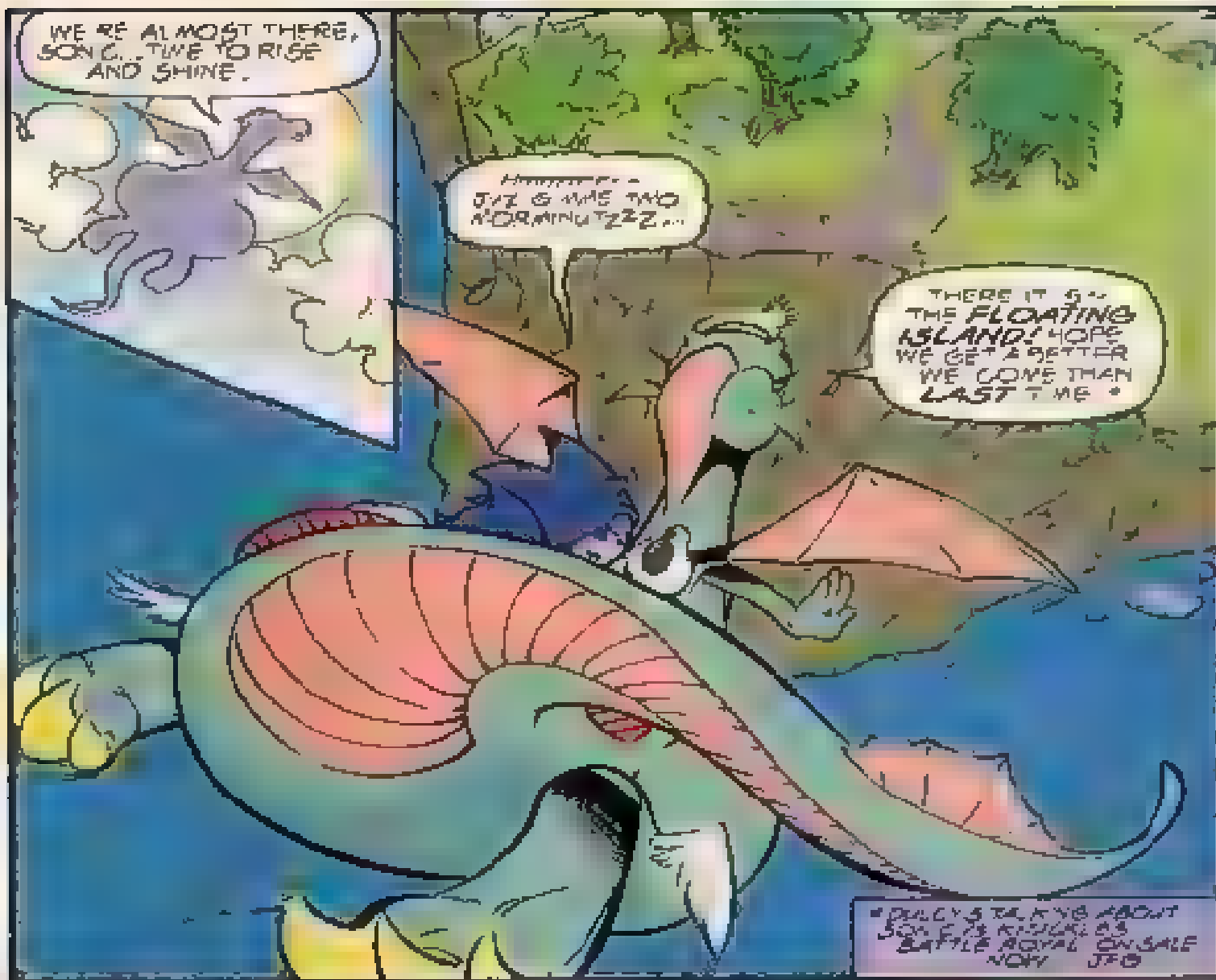
NEVERTHELESS
I RECONSTRUCTED MY-
SELF USING WHAT FRAG-
MENTS I COULD
FIND

SOON AFTER I
PIEKED THROUGH THE
DYING WRECKAGE
OF ROBOTNIK'S
SUPPLY BLIND AND
SALVAGED AS MANY
BOT COMPONENTS
AS I COULD

ONCE I RE-ASSEMBLED
THE MIND AN ARMY OF
COM BOT DESIGNS I BEGAN
BY DYING THIS FACILITY
DESIGNED TO CAPTURE
AND PUNISH MY ENEMIES
AS WELL AS OTHERS OF
ROBOTNIK!

MY MEFHA
MEGA TANK SET
OFF A MASSIVE
EXPLOSION!

I SURVIVED
THE BLAST BUT
NOT WITHOUT
HEAVY
STRUCTURAL
DAMAGE

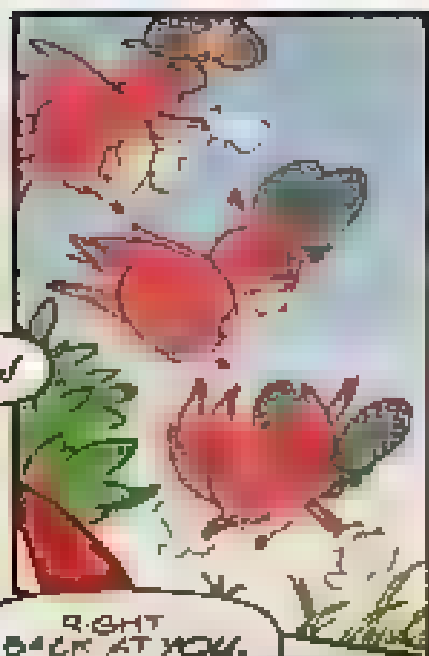




KAPOW

NOT IF I WHACK YOU FIRST, ECHIDNERD!

CLARRG!

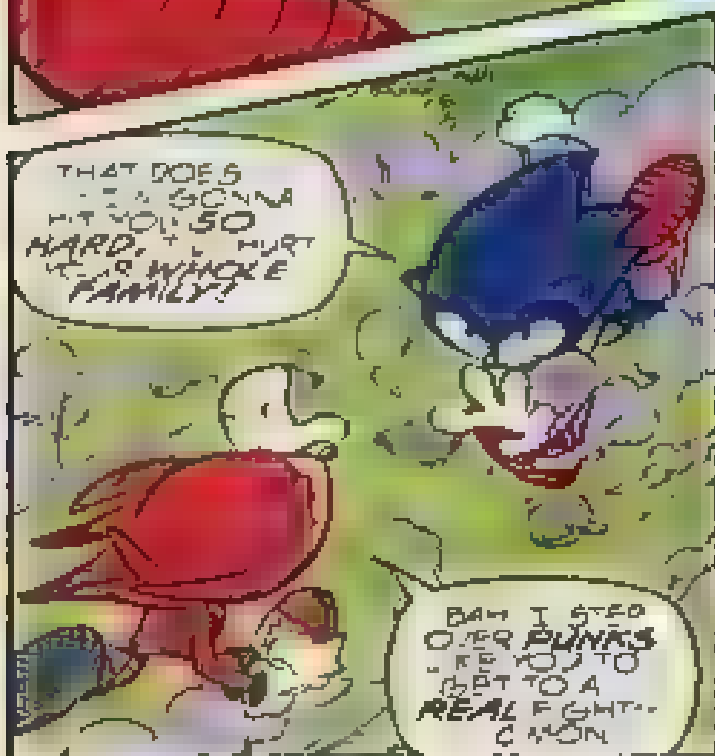


RIGHT BACK AT YOU, SPINE SWINE!



WHLUMP

HOOONN!



THAT DOES IT! SONIC HIT YOU SO HARD, IT HURT YOUR WHOLE FAMILY!

BAH I STEED OVER PUNKS - RE YOU TO GET TO A REAL FIGHT! CHON



CHUKAPOOON

ESCAPE From The FLOATING ISLAND

BACK OFF, KNUCKLES!
IF ANYONE'S TAKING THE
HEDGEHOG DOWN, IT'LL
BE ME!

FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELTS.
HOLD ON TO YOUR HATS.
AND PLACE YOUR BETS! IT'S
THE ULTIMATE THREE-WAY
BATTLE OF THE SEGA
CENTURY!

WHO'S GOING TO FIGHT
WHO? WILL ANY TWO
COMBATANTS JOIN FORCES
AGAINST THE OTHER?

AND DOES ANYONE KNOW
OR CARE THAT THE FATE
OF AN ENTIRE PLANET
HANGS BY A THREAD?

TO BE CONCLUDED IN
THE ACTION-PACKED,
PULSE-POUNDING,
NOT-TO-BE-BELIEVED
(OR MISSED)

SONIC

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WHO--?

ST. JOHN!

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THIS JUST IN!

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Which is why it's fitting that it should be called "The Big Goodbye!" This one is everything you expect a fiftieth issue to be. The ultimate conclusion to the ultimate storyline in Sonic mythology. Who will Knuckles help, Sonic or St. John? Will Knothole Village be enslaved forever? How will the rest of The Freedom Fighters deal with current events? What is Robotnik's next move? Expect all this and more. Plus: The showdown you've been waiting for... Sonic Vs. Robotnik, once and for all the marbles. This special issue sports a computer-rendered cover and hosts almost every single writer and artist who EVER worked on Sonic. You read it here first! **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #50** on sale June '97.



Because you, the fans, have demanded it: **KNUCKLES: THE DARK LEGION** three-issue mini-series has graduated to ongoing status beginning with issue #41. **KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #4** presents a new chapter in the life of everyone's favorite echidna. **LOST PARADISE*** reunites him with the one person he never expected to see, and presents him with an even bigger problem as the fabled city of Echidnapolis reappears, posing a threat to The Floating Island's ecosystem! On sale late May '97! Continuing in the tradition of the first three issues, every three-issue story arc will have a triple-combo cover collection. More about this next month!



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PS: Also in **KNUCKLES #4** is the Knuckles' "Name the Letter Page" contest. Check it out, enter and win!

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Dear Sonic-Grams,
I'm dropping you a line to give you my compliments on the series lately. I really enjoy the way the stories seem to carry over more from one issue to the next, no longer limiting themselves to one issue. Especially since King Acorn's return.

I'd like to point out that I'm twenty-three years old and a dedicated reader. While I do understand that you have many, many young readers, there are also many older readers like myself who read SONIC and KNUCKLES month after month. Just thought you'd like to know.

Brian King
Whitmore, SC

Oh, man stars and garters. It's like ol' me... Bunnie Rabbot. The Downside Freedom Fighters and Antoine are comin' up with a plan while ah answer your letters this month. Thanks for your generous compliments, dear sir. Our editorial staff try to keep a house — what's that word again — cautiously guided in the books since the King's return. What every issue brings its own little surprises and affects everybody in Mobius month after month.

Dear Sonic,
I watch SONIC on USA Network's Cartoon Express. I have a few questions: 1) Why does Sally kiss you and hug that skunk dude (Geoffrey St. John) in issue #43? 2) In SONIC QUEST #3, you used Silver Sonic's robot body to fight Robotnik. How is that possible when you fried it? 3) What is Dr. Robotnik's first name: Ivo or Julian? 4) If the Floating Island has only one

chaos emerald, how could Robotnik steal two emeralds in the SONICQUEST arc just I gotta' hear, cu'lt!

Steven Cash
Oxford, NC

Hey Sugah, what's shakin' 1) Ah don't like St. John any more than you do... but you gotta' admit he's a smart and a ball. 2) Ah as ah know, Sonic fried Silver Sonic's memory banks, deleting its programming to hurt Sonic and turned it to Robotnik. 3) Robotnik's first name is Julian. Ivo is his family name who he took after his first after adopting the name Robotnik. 4) In SUPER SONIC VS. HYPER KNUCKLES II, Knuckles got a second emerald for being a spare.

Dear Sonic-Grams,
First I'd like to congratulate you and Manny Galan on becoming an avowed fanboi on the incredible SONIC QUEST #3. 1) Sally's mom? 2) Did Carl Lewis make an appearance before SONIC QUEST #1? 3) Is Knuckles ever gonna get his own comic? He deserves one. 4) Is Archimedes a part of the Chaos? Go until Sally starts going out with him. Um...

ordered the
Dolton, GA

Even if ah speak Spaz, Manny and Hertz are makin' their bows at me. 1) No, Julian was Sally's mentor. He's dead. Her cousin Rotor was fond of him. He thinks she is Sally's daddy. Julian passed away in SONIC #76. 2) No, that was his first appearance. 3) Well, Knuckles did it. He's not his own boss. He's the official for many things. 4) Ah think so.



Dear Sonic and Co.,
The Death Egg Saga was hilarious! I laughed all the way through, especially the part where Antoine gets lost... and Snivopolis! I thought you guys did a wonderful job. 'Til issue 100!
Kendra "Kat" Kountz
Killewa

Thanks for your compliment on these issues. It was definitely an interesting experience (except when Sugah-Turn had us going round in circles).

Hi, Team Sonic,
Here it is in a nutshell: Sally should pass away. Whether she comes back or not (you know how comic book death works after all...) is up to you, but you can only avoid real-life topics so long before it gets stale. Anyone who doesn't agree can watch Barney. As for me, I'll still look forward to another issue of Sonic, no matter what. I read it because it's a comic book, not a mumble.
Kerri Vines
kicks@gwn.org

Kerri is one opinionated gal ah could look up to. Thanks for sharin' your views with us, sugah.

Check out the next issue. It starts with SONIC and ends with the number fifty. All this and a computer-rendered cover by your know who. You'll be hickin' yourself if ya miss it. So don't. I'll come back in thirty days, ya' hear?